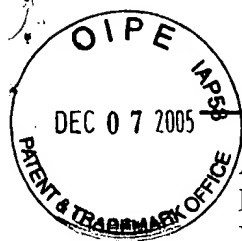


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**REQUEST TRANSMITTAL**

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/872,300, filed on May 31, 2001, entitled System and Method for Providing Network Interfaces to Instruments Without Networking Capabilities.

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2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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3. Amendments

☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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☒ An amendment and response are attached hereto.

☐ Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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